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TAGS: PFOR, JA, GERALD FORD

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL TV APPEARANCE

1. FUJI-TV, TOKYO KEY-STATION FOR ONE OF TWO LARGEST JAPANESE COMMERCIAL TV NETWORKS, PLANS SPECIAL TWO-HOUR PRIME-TIME PROGRAM ON AUGUST 15, 1975, COMMEMORATING THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF END OF WORLD WAR II. PM MIKI HAS ALREADY AGREED PARTICIPATE, AND FUJI REQUESTS THAT PRESIDENT FORD JOIN PM IN 30 MINUTE DIALOGUE VIA SATELLITE TO BE PRERECORDED AT MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME AND BROADCAST AS PART OF AUGUST 15 PROGRAM. IF DIALOGUE FORMAT NOT ACCEPTABLE, FUJI-TV SUGGESTS FILMING AN INFORMAL STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT.

2. PROGRAM WOULD FOCUS ON THE CLOSE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES DURING THE PAST THIRTY YEARS AND ON THE IMPORTANT ROLE WHICH OUR PARTNERSHIP HAS PLAYED IN BUILDING A STABLE, PEACEFUL, AND PROSPEROUS JAPAN. PROSPECTS FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP IN THE REMAINDER OF THIS CENTURY WOULD ALSO BE EXPLORED. PROGRAM WOULD OFFER EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR TOP-LEVEL REAFFIRMATION OF IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES TO JAPAN, AND EMBASSY STRONGLY SUPPORTS REQUEST.

3. IF PRESIDENT AGREES TO APPEAR, FUJI-TV PLANS TO APPROACH PRIME MINISTER OF GREAT BRITAIN AND PRESIDENT OF FRANCE FOR PARTICIPATION IN SEPARATE BUT SIMILAR

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SEGMENTS OF SAME PROGRAM. FUJI IS CLEARLY NOT INTERESTED

IN ANYONE ELSE FROM U.S. SIDE, SO IF PRESIDENT NOT AVAILABLE, THEY WILL SCUTTLE IDEA.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT EXPLORE IDEA WITH WHITE HOUSE. FUJI-TV NEEDS A TENTATIVE ANSWER BY APRIL 18 IN ORDER DETERMINE WHETHER TO PROCEED ANY FURTHER WITH COMPLICATED AND COSTLY PROJECT. UNDERSTAND THAT FUJI-TV MAY ALSO ATTEMPT APPROACH THROUGH JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.  
DECONTROLLED AFTER APRIL 30, 1975. SHOESMITH

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